

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Korea's Future

THE collapse of the Korean peace conference at Geneva comes as no surprise. On the other hand this in no way lessens disappointment. When the discussions opened the world had reason to hope that they would yield a working formula for the peaceful and effective unification of Korea. The conference was fully representative and a measure of agreement in principle had already been reached by the opposing sides. The all-important issues were those of free elections and the composition of the supervisory commission to see that the agreed conditions were properly fulfilled. And that the conference finally broke down on the question of the supervisory commission can in no small way be attributed to Mr. Syngman Rhee. Under no circumstance would he consider the commission being any body other than the United Nations. The Communists, for their part, would not listen to such a proposal. There was always a fundamental difference of opinion between the Reds and the Allies on this question, yet it is conceivable a working compromise might have been reached if Mr. Rhee had not been so obstinate. Now exercising the minds of the politicians and diplomats is what developments can be expected in Korea. Syngman Rhee has more than once publicly announced that he is not prepared to accept the status quo established by the armistice a year ago, and that he and his South Korean army will "go it alone" in order to drive the Communist forces out of North Korea and to apply his own plan for the country's unification. And the possibility of his attempting this poses a peculiar problem. He cannot hope for United Nations support for any such action, yet for the enterprise to fail (which is almost certain) would open the way for the overrunning of South Korea by the Reds unless the United Nations were prepared once again to intervene to save the country. Mr. Rhee seems to sense the danger of his ambitious plan, and significantly he is now appealing to the free countries of Asia to join him and South Korea in an anti-Communist bloc. The reaction is likely to be disappointing for him.

Vietnam's Premier To Resign

Saligon, June 15. High authoritative sources here said tonight Vietnam's Prime Minister, Prince Bao Dai, has decided to resign because his Cabinet ministers consider that Bao Dai, Vietnam head of state, has not only failed to support the cleanup of corruption but has also interfered too much in the day-to-day administration. General Paul Ely, French Commander-in-Chief in Indo-China, confirmed tonight that he still intends to fly to Paris for consultations in the immediate future. But it is thought that the new Government crisis here in addition to that in Paris may keep him at his post for several more days. Bao Dai, according to authoritative sources here, has asked the "authoritarian" Nationalist Ngo Dinh Diem, sometimes nicknamed "Vietnam's Syngman Rhee," to try to take over the Government from Prince Bao Dai. Ngo Dinh Diem, a Catholic, was once Prime Minister under Japanese wartime occupation. Now in his early 50s, he has lived in France for the past two years. Reputed to be a strong friend of the United States and Japan, he has long demanded complete independence for Vietnam. He has great force of character and would try to run an authoritarian Government backed by strong Catholic elements here. But unlike Prince Bao Dai, Mr. Diem would be stiffly opposed by non-Catholic religious groups and by left-wing organizations. Mr. Diem has the same reputation for strict honesty as enjoyed by Prince Bao Dai and the resigning ministers consider he will run into exactly the same opposition if he tries to attack corruption. —Reuter.

LEARNS A LOT

Geneva, June 15. A United States spokesman reported last night that Mr. Chou En-lai, the Chinese Communist Prime Minister, said at yesterday's closing session on Korea: "I have learned a lot at my first international conference." —Reuter.

KOREA CONFERENCE COLLAPSES

Allies To Report To United Nations EACH SIDE BLAMES THE OTHER FOR FAILURE

Geneva, June 15.

The 19-nation Korean conference collapsed tonight with both the United Nations and the Communist side pinning the blame squarely on each other.

The Communists declared they wanted the seven-week-old talks on Korean unity to go on.

But the 16 United Nations Allies declared in a joint statement that this would serve "no useful purpose" so long as the Communists rejected the two fundamental principles of United Nations authority and free all Korean elections under United Nations supervision.

They said they would now report back to the United Nations on the 51-day Geneva conference debate.

East and West admitted their failure on how to unite the war-ravaged peninsula after 51 days of wrangling in 15 plenary sessions of the full 19 nations and one secret meeting of the "inner seven"—Britain, the United States, France, Russia, Communist China and North and South Korea.

Throughout the negotiations the Communists maintained their refusal to consider any form of United Nations supervision of election because they said the United Nations was a "disqualified" and "aggressor" and therefore "disqualified." They proposed that elections be supervised by the Korean themselves, but the Communists said they would not accept a group of non-Communist and Communist states who had no part in the Korean war.

Today's five-and-a-half-hour session—the longest of the Asiatic conference—began with Russia, China and North Korea urging the delegates to "consolidate peace" in Korea pending a final settlement of the problem. General Nam Il, the North Korean Foreign Minister, presented a six-point plan, including measures for the withdrawal of all foreign troops, the reduction of the forces of both Korea sides to 100,000 men each and the "reapprochement" of the two Koreas through an all-Korean committee.

Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, and Mr. Chou En-lai, Chinese Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, backed the North Korean plan. Mr. Molotov asked the conference to declare that pending a final settlement "no action shall be taken which might constitute a threat to the maintenance of peace in Korea."

CHOU'S PROPOSAL
For China Mr. Chou said that "though under the present situation of this conference we are unable to reach agreement now on the peaceful unification of Korea, we should still strive to reach agreement on consolidating peace in Korea."

He called for a secret meeting of the "inner seven" to consider the North Korean proposals. No action was taken on this.

During the half-hour refreshment break which followed the Communist opening speeches, delegates of the 16 United Nations Allies thrashed out the terms of their historic joint statement.

It was read to the conference by Prince Wan Waihayakon,

Thailand Foreign Minister. Prince Wan shared the chairmanship with Mr. Molotov and Mr. Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, who presided at the closing meeting today. The declaration said the 16 nations had "earnestly and patiently searched for a basis of agreement but the Communists had rejected 'our every effort.'"

Were the 16 nations to accept the Communist repudiation of the United Nations, the declaration said, it would mean "the death of the principle of collective security and of the United Nations itself."

Before Prince Wan read the declaration Mr. Walter Bedell Smith, Chief United States delegate, described the Soviet peace proposal as consisting of "empty phrases." He said Mr. Molotov "must have forgotten the terms of the Korean armistice."

Dr. Carlos P. Garcia, Philippines Foreign Minister, declared: "We sincerely want unity of Korea but never at the price of a broken, discredited and dishonored United Nations."

MOLOTOV'S ACCUSATION
Mr. Molotov, speaking for the second time, said the authors of the 16-nation declaration would have to answer to world opinion and their consciences.

He said the initiative for closing the Korean discussion "comes from those powers which led the three-year war in Korea."

Mr. Chou said he could not agree with the 16-nation declaration because the Geneva conference had nothing to do with the United Nations.

He deeply regretted the United Nations decision to close the talks and said: "I have learned a lot at my first international conference."

The Chinese Premier proposed that the 19 participating nations should agree to "continue their efforts towards achieving agreement on the peaceful settlement of the Korean question on the basis of establishing a peaceful, united and democratic Korea."

Mr. Chou's resolution added: "The time and the place for

resuming negotiations shall be decided by the states concerned by negotiation."

Differences of opinion engaged the United Nations side over whether Mr. Chou's proposal should be accepted.

Mr. Paul Henri Spaak, the Belgian Foreign Minister, supported it and suggested a vote. A British spokesman said, "The Marquess of Reading, deputy leader of the British delegation, and Mr. Molotov backed M. Spaak."

But Mr. Bedell Smith and Mr. Richard Casey, Australian External Affairs Minister, said the second part of the Chinese proposal seemed to place responsibility for a Korean settlement on the members of the Geneva conference rather than within the framework of the United Nations.

Mr. Pyun Yung Tai, South Korean Foreign Minister, rejected the Chinese proposal. Finally Mr. Eden, who had earlier said that he thought that Mr. Chou's proposal had tried to express the spirit of their work, then proposed that since the conference had no voting procedure all the resolutions and declarations should be merely recorded in the minutes.

NOT OPPOSED
The British spokesman said that this was not formally adopted by the conference but no one opposed it.

Mr. Eden, as chairman, expressed the hope that the Korean question could continue to be studied again some time in a more hopeful atmosphere.

He ended the Korean conference with the simple words: "I declare this meeting over."

Dark was falling and lamps were lit in the courtyard of the United Nations building—site of the League of Nations—as the delegates came out.

Among the crowd of onlookers were several charwomen, part of the large army of cleaners which takes over at night.

An office radio, turned up full blast by one of the cleaners, blared out the song "The world is waiting for the sunrise." —Reuter.

16-NATION DECLARATION

Geneva, June 15.

The 16 non-Communist states at the Korean conference declared today that the Korean problem should be returned to the United Nations.

The 16-nation declaration read at the 15th plenary session of the conference said that "as long as the Communist delegations reject the two fundamental principles which they (the United Nations Allies) considered indispensable, it was superfluous to pursue the examination of the Korean question."

The declaration said: "We reaffirm our persistent adherence to the objectives of the United Nations in Korea."

"In conformity with the resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations of August 28, 1948, the member states who have signed this declaration will report to the United Nations on the course of the present conference."

The declaration was signed by the 15 United Nations members taking part in the Geneva conference and South Korea.

The 16-nation declaration said: "In application of the resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations dated August 28, 1948, and of the Berlin communiqué of last February 18, we national who made a military contribution to the forces under the command of the United Nations in Korea, have taken part in the Geneva conference with a view to restoring a united and independent Korea by peaceful methods."

"We have made a certain number of proposals and suggestions in harmony with the past efforts of the United Nations to bring about the unification, independence and freedom of Korea and have made them in the framework of the two following principles which we consider are fundamental: "1. The United Nations Organization, in conformity with the Charter has the full right of recourse to collective action to

Eternally Triangle

Nagasaki, June 16. The late Mr. Sanjima Tokuda, who died in 1944 at the age of 79, had a strange obsession. He was fond of triangular shaped objects.

His son Shinzaku, 44, of Emaki, Nagasaki prefecture, Western Japan, has decided to exhibit some of the articles left by his father.

They include triangular wine glasses, ash trays, cigarette boxes and rice bowls. At the time of his death, Sanjima was reported by relatives to be planning a triangle-shaped house.

Now Shinzaku is building his father a triangular tombstone. —Reuter.

French Delegate Indo-China Talks Must Go On

Geneva, June 16. A French delegation source said last night, as the Korean conference ended, there could be "no question" of the parallel nine-nation Indo-China talks being closed down before there was a French government to agree.

He said any attempt to end the Indo-China talks by Britain and the United States would be seriously misunderstood by public opinion in France, the nation most concerned in the seven-year war.

Mr. Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, proposed at Monday's secret session of the Indo-China talks that if no progress were made at Wednesday's meeting, the conference should be suspended.

He said the adjournment should last until the representatives of the two military High Commands here had made recommendations on regroupment of forces in Vietnam.

This source said the French delegation here felt that more than the military commission should be left to maintain the continuity of the conference.

If the ministers decided to leave the conference, they should appoint deputies to whom these commissions would report.

DEPENDS ON POLICY
The source said that what happens after a new French Government is formed will depend upon that Government's Indo-China policy.

It was likely that the new French Foreign Minister would want to come to Geneva to put the French view even if the other ministers were absent.

A Chinese spokesman, answering a question, said his delegation "considers there is no reason whatsoever" to say that the Indo-China talks might come to an end this week or next week.

The spokesman said "the people of France and Indo-China all demand that the cruel war be terminated."

The recent vote in the French National Assembly shows the firm position of the French people in this connection.

The Chinese spokesman said that "certain progress" had been made on the "areas for regroupment of forces" in Vietnam by the military representatives of the two High Commands.

He alleged that the United States delegation was trying "to obstruct the two sides of France and Indo-China from reaching an agreement." —Reuter.

France To Maintain Alliances

Premier-Designate Gives Assurance

Paris, June 15. The Premier designate, Pierre Mendes-France, said today there would be no breaking of France's ties with America and the North Atlantic alliance. If his nomination were confirmed, Delegates at a meeting of his Radical Socialist Party's Parliamentary group said he also declared he would not accept the support of Communist Deputies when the National Assembly votes on his nomination.

M. Mendes-France's chances of becoming premier looked slim. He suffered a new setback when a strong group of former premiers joined forces against him.

He told newsmen that if he became premier, he would try to open the long-delayed debate on the European Army plan before the Parliamentary recess which usually comes in mid-July.

"This debate would allow France's Allies to be informed on our attitude," he said. "They should not be left in the dark."

NO ALTERNATIVE
He said the debate would bring together the two sides in the hope of finding a compromise. If the attempt failed, he said, there would be no alternative to proceeding with the debate on the treaty in its present form.

A powerful bloc of France's ex-premiers joined forces today to try to torpedo National Assembly approval of dark-horse Premier. The handful of statesmen who, in turn, had each briefly guided France since World War II moved to prevent a "new broom" government promised by M. Mendes-France from sweeping out many of the nation's policies.

Fighting them was a group of young enthusiasts willing to cross Party lines to support the 47-year-old Radical Socialist. They banked on him because they felt he could bring a breath of life to the moribund French political arena, now four days into its 18th postwar crisis.

STAYS CLEAR
M. Mendes-France stayed strictly clear of the political bickering. Since he was chosen by President Coty to try and mend the crisis opened by the resignation of Right Winger Joseph Laniel, he has confined his discussions to the technical problem of finding a satisfactory policy.

He is expected to go before the chamber on Thursday for investiture. His policy speech, informants said, will be based mainly on a way to end the Indo-China war plus sweeping

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New Guinea Tragedy

Melbourne, June 15. Seven New Guinea natives were killed in the explosion of Japanese World War II "bangle" torpedoes, which they had used to build a sort of fire-ship, it was reported here today.

The three-foot-old, pencil-like torpedoes were taken from an ammunition dump left by the Japanese at Aitape, 50 miles northwest of Wewak on the northern New Guinea coast. The natives made their crude fire-ship with upright, brad shell cases, with the torpedoes stretched across them. When they lit a fire, the torpedoes exploded with a bang that was heard for five miles. —United Press.



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India's Struggle To Preserve Old Cave Paintings

Bombay, June 16.

India's 2,000-year-old rock-hewn richly sculptured caves of Ajanta near Aurangabad in Hyderabad State are today being renovated to preserve intact their fresco paintings.

The conservation staff of the Archaeological Department of the Indian Government is now engaged in a battle with the corrosive forces of time for the preservation of the paintings and sculptures.

Set in a glade amidst superb scenery, the caves of Ajanta consist of 24 monasteries and five temples some of which are 2,000 years old.

They are hewn out of a wall of almost perpendicular rock, 250 feet high, sweeping round in a hollow circle and extending a third of a mile from east to west.

Hewn out of rock, richly sculptured and with walls, ceilings and pillars, adorned with fresco paintings, this cave picture gallery is described by experts as "unique in the history of art."

Connoisseurs of art point that nowhere else in the country is there such a combination of architecture, painting and sculpture.

The caves furnish a continuous narrative of Buddhist art during the period of 600 years.

INSECT NUISANCE

Experts point out that the principal cause of the decay of the paintings has been the destructive action of insects in the vegetable matter mixed in the clay-plaster coating on which the paintings have been executed.

To stop the further action of the insects, the painted areas are now being given protection. Where damage has occurred, the edges of the surviving areas are first cleaned with metal scrapers of various sizes and then the dust of the centuries is pumped away by a dust pump.

Another enemy of the paintings has been the monsoon. The paintings have been damaged in several ways.

The cleavages, faults and cracks in the body of the rock gave rise to a system of channels for the rain water to seep through. This gave rise to the danger of collapse. Areas where the rock had thus been loosened, had become unsafe are now being given protection.

RAIN SEEPS

The rain water has also seeped through the painted roofs of the caves and made them liable to disintegration. The plaster base has been opened up by drilling small holes in such areas so that the water which leaks through falls directly below and does not spread over the painted areas.

Live snakes have been constructed over the caves to divert away monsoon water which fell on the columns and sculptures and thus damaged them.

On the walls of these caves, thousands of "long ago" have been depicted. Innumerable figures of Gautama Buddha stand-

ing or seated, superbly carved in bold relief.

The caves are remarkable for the spaciousness of their halls and the great variety and beauty of their pillars.

"OUTSTANDING"

The centuries-old paintings of Ajanta can be divided into narrative scenes and portraits of decoration. The narrative scenes consist of illustrations of the Jataka stories and the incidents of the life of Gautama Buddha.

The portraits also include representations of Gautama Buddha who left his imprint on the soul of mankind, and Bodhisattvas and also figures of Hindu divinities. The decorations consist of a variety of motifs and forms.

Art critics point out that the Ajanta paintings are of outstanding significance to the history of Asia and of Asian art; that the whole course of art in Eastern Asia is bound up with the history of Buddhism in its successive phases.

They add the student of art finds himself continually referring back to Ajanta as the one great surviving monument of painting created by Buddhist faith and fervour in the land which gave birth to that religion.

But while there is a glory of religious impulse behind the creation of these paintings, they are also intermingled with every life. There are paintings of men and women against a varied scene ranging from forests and gardens to courts and cities to plains and deep jungles.

Architecture, costumes, jewelry, furniture and utensils depicted in these paintings will be valuable data for the future historian.—Reuter.

Philippines' Minister Speaks At Geneva

Won't Sacrifice UNO For Korean Unity

Geneva, June 15.

The Philippines' Foreign Minister, Mr Carlos P. Garcia, told the Korean conference today: "We sincerely want unity of Korea, but never at the price of a broken, discredited and dishonoured United Nations."

Mr Garcia continued: "We want to erect a united and independent Korea, but never at the price of the demolition of the United Nations, humanity's creation for world peace borne out of the blood and tears and sufferings of millions."

"We want to defend and preserve with all our heart the United Nations, which is the fairest hope for international understanding, co-operation and eventual integration that bloomed out of the new mental orientation and spiritual dynamism of humanity found during and after the Second World War."

Mr Garcia said it was "painful" to his delegation that after "almost two months of deliberations and intensive explorations for an acceptable formula of agreement on the problem of Korean unification, we find ourselves practically in the same position as we were on the first day of the conference."

He added that the three Communist speeches today contained "nothing new or different from those they delivered on the first days."

MUST BE UPHOLD

Mr Garcia added that the unity and peace of Korea and the world were indivisible.

To achieve this purpose, the recognition of the United Nations authority to maintain collective security must be upheld.

The legality of the United Nations resolutions and action in Korea must also be "fully recognised and accepted."

The Philippines was willing to continue negotiations as long as desired but further negotiations and deliberations would serve no useful purpose unless the "vital and fundamental principles" on which the Philippines stood were accepted by the Communist countries.—Reuter.

Minister Institutes A 'New Look'

London, June 15.

Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation, is responsible for a "new look" in the Ministry's headquarters in fashionable Berkeley Square.

He did not like the heavy, dark-blue, gold-embossed paper and dark woodwork which decorated his room on the sixth floor.

Now two of the walls are painted a warm coffee shade, and the other two in a pale green, known as "nest" green. All the woodwork matches the walls.—China Mail Special.

Japan Plans Big Road Project

Tokyo, June 16.

The Japanese Ministry of Construction is studying plans for a 300-mile four-lane road between Tokyo and Kobe, western Japan.

Plans for building the highway have been prepared by a civil engineer, Mr Seichi Tanaka.

If built, the road will pass through Osaka, the "Manchurian" of the Orient.

It would bring Tokyo within five hours ride from Osaka compared to the more than eight hours it now takes to travel between the two cities by express train.

The road would cost an estimated 100,000,000 yen (about £10,000,000 sterling) and take five years to complete.

Mr Tanaka said that he first began to consider construction of the road in 1936, primarily as a solution to Japan's population problems.

"HELP AGRICULTURE" Japan's terrain is 80 per cent mountainous, and 20 per cent of the remaining flat land is now used for non-productive purposes, that is, for human dwellings, he explained.

"If cities are transferred to the hilly regions the flat land can be converted to farmland. A well-developed highway can help disperse the concentrated population."

Mr Tanaka said that this was the reason why his projected highway would cut through the largely mountainous region of central Japan.

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For at least two whole weeks in the year I have no idea what is going on in the world. I refuse to listen to the radio. If anybody shows me a newspaper I shut my eyes, asked him to tell me the latest cricket scores and then tell him to take his newspaper away.

This is not because I dislike newspapers (at least not all of them) but because for 14 happy days I don't want to know anything at all about war, Russia, bombs, peace conferences, Senator Joe McCarthy, murder, women's fashions, and whatever the minor bores in the House of Commons are talking about. But for a change remark in a bar I wouldn't have known about the railway strike that made my return ticket useless.

In what are foolishly called the Dark Ages, long before bad news was flashed round the world in a second, men must have lived in a state of blissful ignorance. They may have known about the troubles in their own small community but they didn't know about everybody else's troubles as well.

Now I am back from a short spell in the Dark Ages, stuffed with Cornish cream and good cooking, what have I missed in the last two weeks? What great changes have taken place in the world situation? What has happened to Joe McCarthy? What are the bores in the House of Commons talking about?

The answers are that, at the moment of scribbling, I have missed nothing and that nothing has changed.

The Geneva Conference is still on. Eden is still flying home to see Mr Churchill and flying back to Geneva.

That cunning old exhibitionist, Joe McCarthy, is still having "angry exchanges" with Mr Stevens, the American Army Secretary, as he was two weeks ago. If you compare the reports from Washington on May 8 with the reports from Washington on May 25 they are both making much the same remarks.

As for the bores in the House of Commons, they are still talking about the price of butter as they were when I stopped reading the parliamentary reports.

The real-life murder melodramas go on and are much the same except for a change of cast. "New" fashions for the

holiday girl are as old as ever and just as silly.

The only startling news I have seen is Dr Eric St. John Lyburn's original treatment for heart disease. He told a reporter that he heats the patient's body to "a fantastic temperature" with steam while freezing their necks to 16 degrees of frost.

Even Dr Gubbins never thought of anything so drastic as this, though he has prescribed decapitation for a headache.

1066 And All That

ACCORDING to a letter in a Sunday newspaper from Mr L. G. Pine, managing editor of Burke's Peerage, there seems to have been some argument during my absence, and voluntary abstention from the news, about whose ancestors came over with William the Conqueror.

As I have not read the argument I am unable to discuss it, but it might interest Mr Pine to know that a cousin of mine, after patient research into our family history, believes he can prove that a Gubbins landed at Hastings under William's banner in 1066 when he was known as de Gobion.

Until this discovery Lord Gubbins (or Lord Nathaniel de Gobion), who has clung to his title despite the jeers of modern upstart aristocracy, believed he was of royal blood, descended from the King of The Gubbins who, with his savage tribe, terrorised half Devon during the 10th century, and of whom the pastoral poet William Browne (see Chambers's Encyclopaedia) wrote in his rhyme on Lydford Law.

The town's enclosed with deers moors.

But where no bear nor lion roars And naught but hogs can live And near hereto's the Gubbins cave.

A people that no knowledge have Of law, or God, or men Whom Caesar never yet subdued Whose lawless lived, of manners rude.

All savage in their den, To one who thought he was descended from kings, however rude, it's a bit of a come-down to know that your ancestor was only one of the common herd who came over with the Conqueror. It's rather like discovering that your great-great-grandfather was not a romantic thief like Dick Turpin, but a sordid financier.

But Lord de Gobion, with centuries of good breeding behind him, will accept the situation without flinching. He will continue to live quietly and modestly, as becomes a gentleman, with Lady de Gobion at their ancient home in Kent, ignoring the London season, partly because they do not care to mix with the recently ennobled peerage, but chiefly because they can't afford it.

Although obviously entitled to a seat in the Royal Enclosure at Ascot, gossip writers may like to know that Lord and Lady de Gobion do not go there though Lady de Gobion, a born gambler, will have her usual shilling each way on an outsider with a local book-maker.

My Lord Returns

ANOTHER blow taken on the chin without a whimper by Lord and Lady de Gobion was the appearance of the ancestral home when they returned from their holidays.

They had given instructions for its ancient countenance, battered by a thousand gales, to be painted and restored to its former beauty. They thought they would see its pretty face as Nelson saw it when he anchored off Goodwin Sands to victual his ships, as his sailors saw it before they were lured into grog shops and locked up in the cooler behind the garden — young again and gay with colour, and with bright flowers in the bosom of its bay window.

But somebody, unaware that the instructions had been given by one whose ancestors had come over with the Conqueror, must have forgotten about the decorations. The old, old face was still grey and cracked with the lines of age, and seared by the storms of winter.

This was depressing enough for his lordship and her ladyship, but they had an even greater shock when they surveyed the grounds, a walled garden about the size of four billiard tables.

There the grass had grown a foot high and strangled three panies, the pride of her ladyship's heart. Hundreds of snails had eaten the young lettuce and kale down to the roots, leaving nothing but the skeletons of the leaves. What the snails had not devoured the numerous friends of the Hon. Lottie de Gobion (The Devil Cat) had trampled underfoot in life-and-death battles for the Hon. Lottie's favours, or just torn plants and vegetables out of the ground in an after-the-party spirit of destructiveness. Only giant dandelions and a sturdy hollyhock were left.

That evening Lady de Gobion, ignoring his lordship's noble ancestry and understandable scorn of manual work, sent him out snail hunting with a stone jar and a packet of salt. But after ten minutes of this disgusting and undignified sport his lordship felt overcome and was obliged to go indoors and pour himself a stiff whisky.

Later on her ladyship announced that, as there was nothing to eat in the house but a piece of stale cheese, his lordship would have to dine on cheese and dandelions. Her ladyship, who had been reading a book about herbs during the holidays, said that gipsies always ate dandelions in the spring. She thought they would probably do his lordship good after his rich diet in Cornwall.

After two or three more whiskies his lordship wouldn't have cared if she had served up the hollyhock, but was grateful that the jar of snails was not on the table.

He remembered how her ladyship used to eat them with relish in France.

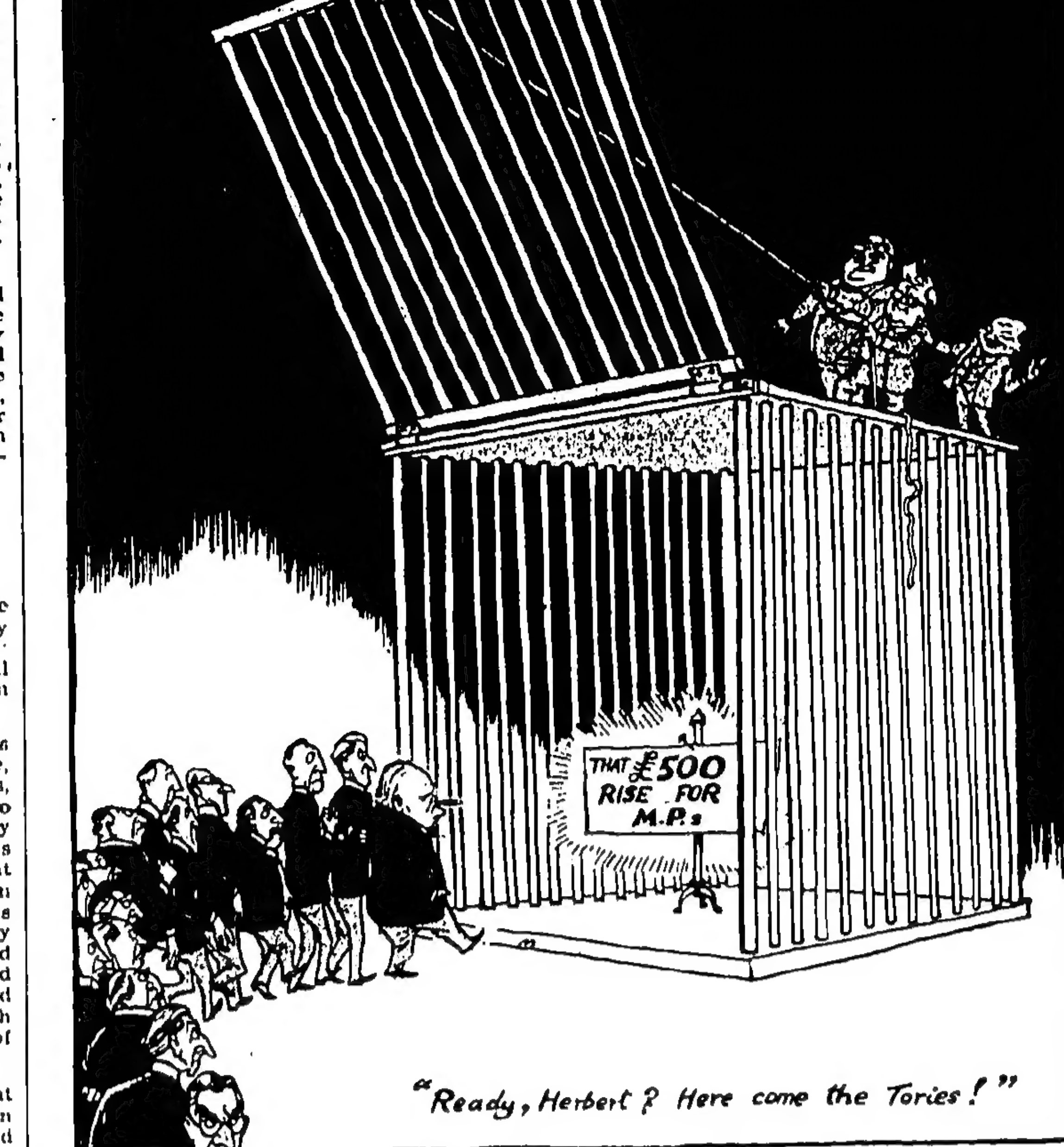
Warning To The Fat

AMONG my holiday reading was a review of Royston Pike's "The Witnesses," giving details of the case which is just round the corner, like prosperity during the American depression.

First will come Armageddon, leaving the Witnesses untouched, but destroying all the churches, all institutions like the Stock Exchange, and, one assumes, everybody who is not a mid-life Witness or who doesn't buy their periodical, "The Watchtower," regularly.

Then comes the resurrection. According to the Witnesses there will be just enough room for everybody using every acre of the earth on the basis of 1 and 2/3rd sq. ft. per person, which is pretty bad news for fat people and rather hard on Lapps and Eskimos, who may be shoved or pushed on to the North Pole.

If the Witnesses would give me a date I would subscribe to "The Watchtower" to ensure my survival, travel to a country where the climate is warm all the year-round, and go on a slimming diet in case I happened to be jammed in between a couple of stout parties who had died of over-eating.



BRITISH FILMS IN DILEMMA

By ROY and JOHN BOULTING

ANY independent producer who accepts Government money on the basis of the present inequitable division of film earnings is — eight times out of ten — going to lose part of it, no matter how low he cuts his production costs!

"And both he and the Government will share the stigma of having failed in their stewardship of public moneys."

These words, written by us, were published on December 17, 1948—just on five and a half years ago!

They greeted the announcement that the Government had established a Film Finance Corporation to rescue British film production from the parlous state into which it had once again fallen.

PROFIT BASIS

AT that time the producers' situation was desperate. Private finance had given up. So had the banks. The coffers were empty, studios closed, and unemployment rising rapidly.

It is any wonder that the uncomfortable sound of two small voices crying in the wilderness should have been drowned by the joyful clamour which greeted the arrival of the National Film Finance Corporation and its first three millions of money!

The Government, naturally, had its conditions. British film production was to put its house in order. Extravagance and waste would be eliminated; no more "inflated" salaries were to be paid to stars; budgets had to be carefully scrutinized and the time spent on studio floors kept down to the minimum.

Common sense was to be coaxed from the City. The exotic "Fuzzy Wuzzles" of the film world were to be colonized and controlled. The "Artist" was out; the Civil Servant and City Financier were in.

The Government thought that by rationalizing and making its own sense of the existing chaos of film-making it could establish production on a profitable basis, and "having done this, perhaps, would re-

turn and private finance induced to re-enter the arena.

The producers, for their part, felt perhaps that with money and the British genius for improvisation — and muddle through.

Nothing, in fact, had been thought out to its logical conclusion. We were to rely on the British genius for improvisation — and muddle through.

Now comes the pay-off. The British Lion Film Corporation, whose fortunes for the past six years have been guided by eminent City business men, with the approval and support of Whitehall, went into receivership. The entire share capital of over a million pounds, we are told, may be regarded as a total loss. The best part of three millions of additional money provided by the Film Finance Corporation is "beyond recovery."

A MOUTHFUL

SIMULTANEOUSLY, the directors of the National Film Finance Corporation in presenting their report for the year ending March 31, 1954, indicated that additional substantial losses were to be expected from the operations of other producers in the industry, and went on to produce, this gem—

"While it would be wrong to draw too pessimistic a conclusion... it would be equally wrong to be optimistic about the possibility of financing the industry at a profit under present conditions."

Allied to the British Lion announcement this, in its own foggy way, said a mouthful!

Where have things gone wrong? Millions spent and still no confidence; production streamlined but still no profits. The results from sober business men no better than those of their more spectacular predecessors.

What is responsible? Who is responsible? As always, the inclination is to find scapegoats. To conduct a manhunt through City boardrooms or the catacombs of Whitehall would be to lay the entire blame on the shoulders of the film-makers.

This is show business. The truth is that every studio is bound to have its periods of success alternating with failure; the one carrying the producer through the other.

Certainly in recent years no group of film-makers has made more distinguished contributions to British film-making than the group of producers who have been associated with the National Film Finance Corporation.

associated with Sir Alexander Korda.

Where then does the guilt lie? We say with Parliament, in particular with a succession of Presidents of the Board of Trade and Chancellors of the Exchequer.

Staggering inept, they have tinkered, muddled and fussed; have taken greedily with one hand only to face the need of returning it with the other; exhorting and prying with one breath, damning with sentimental strictures in the next.

At no time, however, have they produced a constructive policy based upon the recognition of elementary facts.

THE CRUX

WHAT are the facts? Very simply, that British film production, like all other young industries, depends on the home market for its continued existence; that during the war years, when people had more to spend and virtually nothing to spend it on, it was enabled to expand rapidly; that since that time, while costs have risen, this market has, as was to be expected, contracted, and that despite this successive Government have continued to levy an entertainment tax which takes nearly 40 percent of all moneys earned at the box-office.

Here, indeed, is the crux of the matter. Unless the Government desires to keep British films permanently tied to its financial apron strings it must now dispense with temporary expedients.

Finance corporations, Eady plans, efficiency drives, and Budget economies — all these, good in themselves—are palliatives. They cure nothing. They change nothing.

THE WAY OUT

OUR competitor, Hollywood, in a domestic market three and a half times larger, pays entertainments tax less than one-third of our own. British production will never know stability nor can financial confidence be restored until entertainments tax on British films is reduced substantially.

Let the Government understand: there is no other way. Distribution costs are probably as low as is practicable. Hundreds of cinemas today operate on the slenderest of profit margins. The producers' situation is tragically evident.

Only the Government, by the restraint of an appetite which feeds "indiscriminate" upon success and failure, can service the industry to the point of its collapse.

NEVER BEFORE SUCH EFFORT TO SOLVE A RIDDLE COMETS TO BE 'SACRIFICED'

By ARTHUR BRENARD

THIS week-end a sensational test begins to establish the cause of the Comet disasters. Yoke Uncle, one of the £500,000 jet airliners, will be sunk in a giant tank of water and will be subjected to pressure stresses which will probably blow it up. Day and night water will be pumped in and out of the cabin of Yoke Uncle to produce a pressure differential of eight pounds per square inch which Comets expect in normal flight.

WHY set about destroying one of B.O.A.C.'s dwindling fleet of Comets in this manner?

Experts at the experimental station at Farnborough, where the test is being held, believe that this is the firmest way of settling beyond doubt whether the Comet crashes which have cost 98 lives are the result of cabin pressurisation failure. WHY perform the test with water? Because if a crack in the Comet's cabin is caused the result would be an explosion almost equal to that of a blockbuster bomb. By having the test in water the force of the explosion will be reduced; there is more likelihood of the wreckage providing helpful evidence.

On their slide-rules the Farnborough experts have worked out an accurate picture of a break-up. They say it could be "sudden and catastrophic." If they are right it will follow the pattern of all three Comet crashes.

Why should the cabin crack? That is what the tests set out to establish. But already the theorists are talking of pressure fatigue—an entirely new factor which is only just beginning to be understood.

Say the theorists: "The Comet's interior is pressurised to a difference of eight pounds per square inch to the pressure outside the cabin about every four hours of flight. This means that the cabin expands and contracts a small amount 1,000 times in a flying life of between 3,000 to 4,000 hours."

So important is this pressure considered that flight trials on Comet Able Victor, may trials on Comet Able Victor,

piloted by R.A.F. test pilots, will be carried out without pressurisation. The pilots will wear oxygen masks.

But if the Comet Yoke Uncle stands up to the trial by water, there is a second theory for the crashes: structural failures following misuse of the power controls.

Exhaustive trials to probe this possibility are about to begin both on the ground and in the air. On the ground, at Farnborough, the Comet Yoke Uncle will be stripped and every detail of the control system will be tested and re-tested in an effort to discover if a "chain reaction" of incidents—in themselves of small importance—could add up to catastrophe.

In the air, the Comets Yoke X-ray and Able Victor will be flown to prove or disprove the power control theory.

Chief points the test pilots will water are: the artificial "ice" of the control system; the hydraulic system which operates the controls; and the forces on the control surfaces which increase in ratio to the square of the speed, and which could, in certain circumstances, cause a major structural failure.

The test brains of the British aircraft industry are nearly certain that one of these theories will provide the answer to the Comet riddle.

But while these two major investigations are going on other experts will be probing a number of other theories. These are:—

- 1 A major fire in an engine or the fuel system.
 - 2 Structural failure of the wings, rear cabin or tail unit, and,
 - 3 Tail-plane buffeting caused by turbulence set up by the hot exhaust from the four jets.
- Already the Comet Victor George has been vibrated to destruction on the Farnborough test rig and Yoke Uncle, whether or not it blows up, will never fly again after its gruelling under-water tests.
- Depending on the progress of the other tests it is likely that one or even two of the other three guinea pig Comets may be lost for ever to B.O.A.C.

HUSBANDS TAKE IT EASY

By CHAPMAN PINCHER

HUSBANDS who claim they are too fagged out by their week's work to help their wives in the home at week-ends will be shocked by the disclosures in a Health Ministry report.

An inquiry has shown that the average man spends about 30 hours every week simply relaxing in a chair. He spends almost as much of his energy in idling away his leisure time as he uses in genuine work.

In addition he spends about 60 hours a week in bed compared with only 47 hours at work.

Total average time devoted to helping his wife, doing man-about-the-house repairs and gardening, is only seven hours a week.

Bringing in coal and wood—in fact all chores which can possibly be included under the heading "fetching and carrying"—occupies less than six minutes of the average man's time each week.

More than half the men quizzed on this point admitted that nothing they did in their leisure time fell into that category.

Every Minute

The inquiry, carried out by a team of doctors and scientists led by Dr Roy Hargreaves, involved an intimate survey of the lives of 137 healthy men working in 15 different kinds of factories at Slough, Bucks.

The men accounted for every minute of their time during a whole week. Everything they ate and drank was measured. The energy expended in every activity was calculated.

Men who criticised their wives for taking so long to dress and make up may be surprised to learn that they use up about six and a half hours every week in shaving, dressing, and undressing.

Leisure Laziness

Most startling finding was the leisure-time laziness of the men, many of whom were

Colour Catch

ALL cats are colour-blind, a Medical Research Council eye expert claims. Mr Ralph Gunter tested the colour vision of eight cats at London's Institute of Ophthalmology.

First he built a box with two hinged windows made of frosted glass. Behind each window was an electric light, one brighter than the other.

Gunter then put some food behind the brightly lit window in such a way that the cats could not possibly smell it. After a few lessons the cats learned that the food was always behind the brightly lit window, and opened that one first.

Then, did this given when the lights behind the window were switched round.

When Gunter repeated the experiment using lights of different colour instead of different brightness, the cats could never learn where the food was.

Conclusion—cats see colours as various shades of grey.

Drug Peril

WHAT would happen if the public had free access to drugs like morphine, heroin, and Indian hemp?

Detective Sergeant George Lyle, of Scotland Yard's anti-drug squad, put this question to a meeting of doctors, judges, and lawyers in London.

He answered it this way: "There are 73 doctors in Britain who are drug addicts. They have been taught the danger of drug addiction but still become victims of this dreadful habit."

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THAT'S THE LAST TIME I'LL TRY TO BEAT THE WATCH, SAYS CHATAWAY

By GEOFFREY SIMPSON

Chris Chataway, British Olympic runner, stormed home all alone to the cheers of 50,000 at White City Stadium, London, on Whit Monday, but his bid for the Two Miles world record failed by 6-10ths of a second—about half a dozen strides.

When he had recovered, the Surrey red-head, a contemporary of Roger Bannister at Oxford, said: "That's the last time I'll try to beat the watch. What a dull business! It's like running to see how tired you can get. I prefer competing against men—not time."

In an era when so many in athletics are infected by the record bug, it was one of the most sensible things an athlete has said.

HIS TARGET

I was glad to hear Chataway say he will not try again. The story of athletics is in history—not time—and Chataway hopes to enjoy a famous one in the European Championships. "I hope Zatopek will be among my opponents in the 5,000 Metres," he said. "That is my main objective. The fact that Chataway, however, would surely have beaten Gaston Reiff's world figure of 14min. 40.4sec. if he had been better paced, or if Jungwirth had been able to make a race of it.

To return 8min. 15sec. without help over the last half-mile was magnificent running. It easily gave Chataway the British record held by Gordon Pirie, by 6.4sec.

Bannister and Chris Brasher were in the field as pace-makers, but, as Chataway said, "The first lap (32.2sec.) was too fast and the fifth (40.8sec.) too slow."

Bannister dropped out after a mile, and Brasher, taking over, did not find the necessary speed. The result was uneven running, leaving Chataway too much to make up on the final circuit.

A stayer of Frank Sande's calibre would have done the trick. What a runner this little Kent Champion showed himself as towards the end of his punishing six-mile race, he shot away like a miller, flat out, fairly ending up the track.

He won by 55 yds. and the man he beat was the formidable Ken Norris, inter-counties cross-country champion, an intense between these two was the most exciting event of the day. They must have passed and re-passed each other a dozen times, but in the final showdown Sande had the finishing speed.

FAST DRIVER

Peter Driver, 21-year-old London civil servant, was the man who surprised me. A cross-country product, he won the inter-counties mile in the astonishing time of 4 min. 8 sec. How Britain keeps finding top-class mileers! We now have 15 men who can run a mile inside 4 min. 10sec.

It is sprinters we need, and though these British Games showed smart British youngsters like Alan Lillington and George Ellis, it was left to Lindy Remigino, America's Olympic Champion, to demonstrate the sprinting art at its finest.

With his bunched shoulders and swinging arms, he is no

stylist, but how he covers ground! He followed Saturday's great furlong victory with a terrific 100 Metres. He had his race won at half-way.

LESSONS REMAIN

Just a name. That's all Stanislaw Jungwirth, 24-year-old Czech architect's clerk, is to British sport followers. Yet he beat our wonder miler, Roger Bannister, over 800 yards at White City Stadium. The shock of it has gone; the lessons remain.

This is just a sample of the competition to be expected in the European Championships. There will be many of Jungwirth's quality—and better—in the field at Herte.

And Lesson No. 1, I think, is that if Bannister is to win the European 1,500 Metres crown the sooner he gets down to competitive racing the better. On Saturday, June 5, his main target was the clock, and a new world record.

That was obvious from the way Bill Nankerville sacrificed himself to lead Bannister round the first circuit. Jungwirth's target was the opposition.

There is a world of difference between racing for time and racing to win. The white line and a clear course are needed for the one; generalship, ability to change pace, and track tactics for the other. And Bannister is not strong in these latter qualities. For that he can blame his policy of keeping actual racing to a minimum.

For a runner of his class he did precious little last year. He needs to step up on that schedule if he is to attain his running of the jostling and maneuvering of Europe's crack milers in August.

Nankerville in his role of pace-maker went off so fast that after 300 yards he was looking

TV HEARS PIRIE'S HEART

An experiment on TV has disproved the widely held theory that much of Gordon Pirie's success as a runner is due to an unusually slow heart beat.

For Pirie, with Chris Chataway, one of the men who helped Roger Bannister set up the new record for the mile a month ago, ran round half a lap in Regent's Park—and then a BBC microphone was placed over their hearts.

The TV audience was able to listen to the heart beats of the two runners in turn. There were no differences. Each heart beat steadily and evenly.

THE SECRET

Roger Bannister in the studio said: "I was not able to detect any difference between them. I think as athletes go on training they can manage exercises with a very much smaller rise in their heart beat than sedentary persons."

"I think you would have to look very much deeper to put your finger on the secret of athletic success."

Said Pirie, discussing his chances of beating the champion Czech Zatopek: "I do not think any runner in the world can say he could beat Zatopek on the performances he has shown. That applies to me because I am definitely 20 seconds behind his time. And remember he is setting his records himself and to beat them a runner must do 10 seconds better than Zatopek's record."

(London Express Service)

BANNISTER'S 3.59.4 RECOGNISED

London, June 15. Roger Bannister's 3.59.4 mile record, set up on Whit Monday, has been officially recognised by the British Athletics Federation.

The record was set at White City Stadium, London, on Whit Monday, June 14, when Bannister beat Roger Bannister's 3.59.4 mile record.

round to see where Bannister was. Roger took position eventually, but, going into the second circuit, was challenged by the Belgian Denuyck, and forced to accelerate.

That did not help him, out 250 yards from home there he was clear, with a winning chance if good enough.

Jungwirth, however, had not been deceived by Nankerville's effort. It was Bannister he stalked, and on the last bend, at the right time, the Czech turned on a sprint that carried him past the leader for a two-yard win. Time, 1min. 50.7sec, was over two seconds outside world record.

FASTER THAN CZECH

How I should have liked Derek Johnson in that field! This East Ham youngster, who is at Oxford studying medicine, came out 30 minutes later to win the inter-counties half mile in half a second faster time! He ran such a brainy race that when he made his effort he was able to sweep past AAA Champion Brian Hewson and beat him ten yards.

Johnson learned to run with an East London boys' club. I saw him win a schoolboy title, even the AAA Junior 440 yards, in record time. He has since been in the Army and overseas.

Now, after a year at Oxford, he is the university's athletics secretary and at 21 a sure champion in the making unless I am mistaken.

Johnson, dark-haired and merry, said: "I never thought I could go so fast." He will concentrate on the half-mile in future.

But he was no more surprised than Chris Brasher, one of Bannister's pace-makers for the four-minute mile, whose efforts have been mainly devoted to sleep-chasing.

Brasher became an additional starter in the international mile and, with a well-timed challenge, beat Don Macmillan, of Australia, in the last few strides.

His time, 4min. 9sec., reveals Brasher as a first-class mileer—and he never knew!

Gordon Pirie's attack on the world three-mile record left him a tired-looking winner from a big field, but 15 seconds outside his target. His time, 13min. 47.4sec., was 11 seconds slower than his own British record of last August.

He ruined his chance by running a tearaway final mile, but, though he beat Frank Sande by 50 yards, this was not the fiery confident Pirie of last season. He looked sluggish—as he did the previous week, when losing a mile race at Chiswick.

THOMPSON WINS N.T. CYCLE RACE

In spite of a strong wind, which hampered them on the return journey, a number of riders improved on or equalled their previous best times in the 10 miles Novice Time Trial held by the NTAC on Sunday.

One of these was Thompson, RA, who equalled his best time and used his allowance of 3 min. 45 sec. to annex yet another first place (and 5 points) on "handicap." A new rider, Martin, RAF Sal Wan, shared second place with Heath, Welch, with a net time of 25-11.

Of the 22 starters, 12 finished within a minute of the winner, a further 7 within the next minute. There was one retirement, Hawes, Norfolk, having persistent chain trouble.

Fastest actual time of the day was by Ryalene, REME, with 26-29, closely followed by Foster, RAF Kai Tak, in 26-35 and Gower, RAF Sal Wan, 26-37.

Thompson was Capt. Lord, with 34 Class did duty at the start.

The next event is a 25 Miles Time Trial to commence at 4 pm on Sunday next.

Results: 1. Thompson, 26-29; 2. Martin, RAF Sal Wan, 26-35; 3. Heath, Welch, 26-37; 4. Foster, 26-35; 5. Gower, 26-37.

CONGRATULATIONS



The crack Czech middle distance runner, Stanislaw Jungwirth, congratulating Chris Chataway after the latter had come within three-fifths of a second of the world record for the Two Miles at the British Games at the White City on Whit Monday.

Jungwirth ran second to Chataway in this race, but it must be noted that it wasn't a great international victory for Chataway as the Czech is essentially a half-miler and has never recorded any outstanding performance over any distance longer than 1,500 Metres.

Tennis Amateurs—My Foot-fault!

Says GEORGE WHITING

Lawn tennis. Now there's a game for the butterflies of sport, the expense-sheet finalisers, the good-time grabbals, the free-ride racketeers, Frilly pants on the left, club scarves on the right. Amateurs? Amateurs my foot-fault!

With the feckless lawns of Wimbledon due for occupation once more this month, the girls and boys are swarming in from the hard courts and soft life of the Continent—earnest Australians and ardent Americans in the lead, jolly-good-losers

TEST MATCH ENDS IN DRAW

London, June 15. The first Test match between England and Pakistan ended in a draw today.

Pakistan were 121 for three in their second innings at the close. Earlier, England declared at 117 for nine wickets in reply to Pakistan's first innings total of 87.

THE SCORES

Pakistan, 1st Innings			
Hamid Mohammad, b. Tattersall	20		
Aliuddin, c. Edrich, b. Woodroffe	19		
Waqar Hassan, c. Wardle, b. Woodroffe	10		
Compton, b. Wardle	9		
Masood Ahmed, st. Evans, b. Wardle	9		
Imtiaz Ahmed, b. Leaker	12		
A.K. Kirdar, b. Statham	10		
Fazal Mahmood, b. Wardle	10		
Khalid Wazir, b. Statham	3		
Khan Mohammad, b. Statham	11		
Zulfiqar Ahmed, b. Statham	10		
Shaukat, not out	27		
Extras	10		
Total	87		

Fall of wickets—1/24, 2/42, 3/42, 4/51, 5/67, 6/71, 7/71, 8/71, 9/87.

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
Statham	12	6	18	4
Edrich	10	5	22	4
Wardle	30	2	32	4
Tattersall	10	18	12	1
Leaker	10	12	12	1
Evans	10	12	12	1
(Statham)				

England, 1st Innings

L. Hudson, b. Khan Mohammad	0		
R. Simpson, lbw b. Khan Mohammad	40		
P. Evans, b. Khan Mohammad	27		
D. Compton, b. Fazal Mahmood	4		
W. Edrich, b. Khan Mohammad	4		
Fazal Mahmood, b. Wardle	3		
J. Wardle, c. Masood Ahmed, b. Wardle	3		
P. Fazal Mahmood	3		
T. Evans, b. Khan Mohammad	13		
Z. Bailey, b. Khan Mohammad	13		
L. Leaker, not out	13		
B. Statham, b. Fazal Mahmood	10		
Extras	3		
Total (for nine declared)	117		

Fall of wickets—1/0, 2/0, 3/0, 4/0, 5/0, 6/0, 7/0, 8/0, 9/0.

Bowling Analysis

	O	M	R	W
Fazal Mahmood	10	5	24	4
Khan Mohammad	10	5	24	4
Evans	10	5	24	4
Wardle	10	5	24	4
Edrich	10	5	24	4
Leaker	10	5	24	4
Statham	10	5	24	4
Extras	10	5	24	4

Fall of wickets—1/0, 2/0, 3/0, 4/0, 5/0, 6/0, 7/0, 8/0, 9/0.

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THE COMMONWEALTH GOLF TOURNAMENT MUST BECOME A REGULAR AFFAIR

Says HENRY LONGHURST

London.

A week of golf at St Andrews as enjoyable to watch as it evidently was to play leaves me with a variety of impressions, the strongest of which is that by hook or by crook this Commonwealth tournament must become a regular affair.

Not being the only person on whom this bright idea has dawned, I am happy to report that meetings have already been held with this end in view.

Four years is being suggested as the most suitable interval. Three is regarded as too short, while five would mean that the full cycle would take 20 years, and we should not see the match again in Britain until 1979.

The root of all evil enters into it, of course, but it is my impression that, if you want these things badly enough, you can somehow find the money.

FORCING OUR HAND

To be faced with the necessity of doing so might be no bad thing. It might force our hand in establishing the eminently sensible system already in force in Canada, New Zealand, Ireland and France, and likely soon to operate in South Africa, of inviting individual golfers to add half a crown, or some such sum, to their club subscriptions, thus forming a fund from which could be paid all administrative

expenses, including those of the National Union, and the costs of all touring teams—probably leaving enough over to give a helping hand to worthy causes like greenkeeping research and the Golf Foundation.

Another strong impression is that the game of golf is 18 holes and that 36-hole matches are weariness of the flesh by comparison. Here all against all for five days we have had the traditional golf for team matches—fouromes in the morning, singles in the afternoon—and what fun it has been and what tremendous finishes we have seen on this historic last green!

Greatly daring, I should not in the least mind seeing the Championship itself finish with an 18-hole final. After all, you know the length of the race before you start and, if it is five furlongs, you had better get a move on.

No use saying you "would have won over a mile." At Muirfield most people would have said that, while Bachi might win over 18 holes, Campbell would assuredly win over 36. Yet it was Campbell who was one up over 18 and Bachi who won over 36.

At the time of the spring meeting I recorded sundry critical comment concerning the Old course, notably its greens, for which hereby I find myself extremely repaid and putted on the back. They are certainly better now and, assured that they will probably regain their true character by next year, I promise not to be rude about them again for 12 months.

OPPOSITION WITHDRAWN

It seems, too, that many people like the ancient, names of the holes appended to the box, so opposite to this is hereby withdrawn, but I yield to no one on the principle that the Old course shall not be tampered with except by common consent.

It has won many hearts and universal respect. In the practice rounds, in dead calm and with the flags stuck in simple positions, it lay low, revealing nothing of its greatness, and many were the tales of "approximately 07s."

Like most masterpieces, it is to be appreciated only by long acquaintance. Our Commonwealth friends have not been here long enough to know it in many of its moods—but long enough for most of them to lift their hats in genuine respect rather than a desire to say the right thing.

As a tailpiece, I should add that the Royal and Ancient Club, to set the seal on its bicentenary, has decided to have a special day from next year, after Billy Graham.

He played, as he would doubtless desire, in obscurity on the new course. Of his prowess

Seven Countries In European Zone Of Thomas Cup

London, June 15.

Seven countries—Denmark, Sweden, England, Scotland (the European champions), Wales, Ireland and France—have entered in the European Zone of the Thomas Cup competition (the Davis Cup of badminton) this year, it was announced here today.

In the American Zone, there are the United States and Canada.

The challenge round will begin on May 4, 1955, at Singapore. Malaya are the present holders of the Cup—France.

COUNTY CRICKET RESULTS

London, June 15. County Cricket results today were:

At Rushden: Northamptonshire-Essex match drawn. Essex 187 (Tribbe, left-arm-slow, five for 75) and two for one. Northamptonshire 180 (Livingston 62).

At Oxford: Oxford University vs. the Army match drawn. The Army 159 for six declared and 189 for one declared (Richardson, not out 103). Oxford University 158 for nine declared and 139 for eight (Williams 50).

At Bath: Middlesex beat Somerset by nine wickets. Somerset 89 (Titmus five for 27) and 155 (Titmus five for 57). Middlesex 213 for nine declared (McMahon five for 75) and 31 for one.

At Worthing: Sussex-Leicestershire match drawn. Sussex 160 (Jackson five for 33) and 115 for one declared. Leicestershire 105 for five declared and 116 for seven.

At Dudley: Worcestershire-Glamorgan match drawn. Glamorgan 210 for three declared and 231 for nine declared (Hedges 89). Worcestershire 218 for eight declared and 132 for eight.

At Birmingham: Warwickshire—Nottinghamshire match drawn. Warwickshire 232 for seven declared. Nottinghamshire 91 (Holmes five for 27) and 217 for five (Poole 76, Hardstaff 53).

At Manchester: Surrey-Lancashire match abandoned, no decision on the day. Surrey 224, Lancashire 216 for four.

At Farnham: Royal Air Force beat Kent by eight wickets. Kent 81 and 187. Surrey 163, Surrey 163 for eight declared (Fenner 52) and 95 for 2.

At Cambridge: Cambridge University-Free Foresters match drawn. Cambridge University 223 for eight declared and 173 for nine declared. Free Foresters 146 and 247 for nine (Matthews 74, Mann 62, Singh five for 71).

At Chesterfield: Derbyshire-Yorkshire match drawn. Derbyshire 200 and 158 for nine declared. Yorkshire 166 and 184 for four (Leaker not out 121).

At Bournemouth: Hampshire-Gloucestershire match drawn. Gloucestershire 178 and 88 for two. Hampshire 225 (Horton 69, Ingleby-Mackenzie 65, Wells, right-arm off-spin five for 81), 81 for one.

KCC BOWLS

Lawn bowls' members of the Kenton Cricket Club are advised that the closing date for entries for the "Club" Competitions have been extended until Sunday, June 20.

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International Badminton Players To Visit Hongkong In November

By "ARGONAUT"

Hongkong's sports enthusiasts will be able to see ten of the world's leading international badminton players of both sexes in action in the Colony from November 15 to November 20 this year.

Arrangements for the visit were finalised yesterday at an Emergency Executive Committee Meeting of the Hongkong Badminton Association between the Association and Mr Lim Chuan Geok, sponsor of the tour.

The touring team, who will be under the management of Mr D. L. Blomster of Glasgow, organisers of the recent World Invitation Championships at Glasgow, will be headed by 23-year-old Eddy Choong who today holds the distinction of having won more international titles than any other player in the game.

Choong's badminton career reached its peak during the last season. In November he competed in the Danish Championships at Copenhagen and collected all three titles. He played as many as seven matches in one day in this tournament.

At the beginning of March, Choong held this year's top-ranking international players from Denmark, Canada, Sweden, New Zealand, Scotland, Ireland and Malaya at the Glasgow

invitation tournament to emerge the winner in the singles event. He followed this up by winning the All-England Singles and Mixed Doubles titles, and clinched a brilliant season by winning the All-American Open Singles Championship in the first year that the tournament was open to foreign competitors.

Choong is reputed to be also a versatile showman on the court and will undoubtedly prove to be the main attraction of the tour.

Choong's elder brother, David, with whom he has teamed up in many international successes, including three successive All-England wins, is the second member of the team.

Third member of the team in the men's section is Joe Alston, holder of the All-American singles title in 1951 and 1953 and co-holder of the All-American men's doubles title in 1950, 1951, 1952 and 1953.

Alston lost narrowly to Eddy Choong in the recent U. S. Open Singles Championships in three sets, but had the satisfaction of annexing the Mixed Doubles title in partnership with his wife, Louise, who has also been included in this tour.

Don Smythe, the Canadian Singles and Doubles Champion since 1952 and All-England runner-up in 1953, is another member of the touring team.

Completing the men's section will be Ken Davidson, who served as coach to the American Thomas Cup team in 1948 and 1952 and is extremely popular for his famous "judgment" show on the court which consists of trick shots and comical acts.

He completely stole the show in the last Thomas Cup final at Singapore by keeping the crowd

of over 10,000 in continuous peals of laughter throughout his 10-minute show.

Davidson has also written a number of books on badminton, his latest one, which has received high praise, being "Winning Badminton".

BEST IN THE WORLD

Of special interest is the inclusion of five lady players in the team. Four of the them—Judy Devlin, Margaret Varner, June White and Iris Cooley—are undoubtedly the best four lady players in the world today. Eighteen-year-old Judy Devlin, daughter of the great J. F. Devlin who won the All-England singles title five years in succession from 1925 to 1929, proved beyond doubt that she is the World's No. 1 by recently winning the Glasgow World Invitation Ladies' singles event, the All-England and the All-American titles one after another.

Margaret Varner is the present American runner-up, but is regarded by a number of badminton critics as even a better player than Judy Devlin.

June White and Iris Cooley are England's top representatives in international badminton. They were the current holders of the All-England ladies' doubles title and are regarded as the most powerful ladies' doubles combination in the world today.

The touring team are scheduled to meet in London and leave there on November 1. Arrangements are being made for them to play a few matches in various parts of India and in Bangkok before they reach Hongkong on or about November 15.

Four matches have been arranged for them here. The team will then continue their tour in Singapore and Indonesia before returning to London.



The news of the award of the C.B.E. to Brigadier R.D. Bolton in the Queen's Birthday Honours List was received with particular satisfaction by Army sportsmen in the Colony. Brigadier Bolton takes an active interest in many different games and has been a regular competitor in the various tournaments run by the Army Golf Association during the season.

A couple of weeks ago I made reference in this column to the fact that Craftsman Grant did not show the same excellent form in the Combined Services versus Combined Civilian Athletic Meeting as he had done in his appearances earlier in the season.

Now that I have heard the story behind his running in this meeting, I can offer him nothing but the highest praise for his pluck and for the fact that he made no attempt to offer excuses for his showing.

Grant had been right off colour for some time before the meeting and in the opinion of many people he should not have taken part. In spite of being out of condition and very much short of training he decided that, having already won the Colony Championship, there was a certain moral obligation on him to take part.

Such circumstances always leave an athlete with a big decision on his hand. On this occasion Grant did not win any prizes but now that the facts behind his showing are made known I am sure that he will win the admiration of a wide circle of folks who are interested in athletics.

Recent performances by the Royal Norfolk in the 35 Bde. Basketball League suggest that they have retained the skill that brought them considerable success in past competitions. In one game they gave a near perfect display while their first choices were in action and if they can find a reserve or two of similar ability they look like being the top side in the competition.

NEW CHAIRMAN

When the Army Football Referees Association held its annual general meeting last Saturday a great deal of important business was done and several important policies were brought to light. Probably the most important item on the agenda was the election of a new chairman to replace Major N.D.W. Ferguson, RE, who has returned to the United Kingdom.

Four nominations were put forward for the position but, as two of the nominations were not seconded, the remaining two were put to the vote. This resulted in an overwhelming victory for Major C. Walpole, RAOC by 23 votes to 4.

The election of Major Walpole is a most popular one as it brings an experienced soccer administrator into the chair. Major Walpole was Secretary of the Gibraltar Army Football Association in 1947-48-49 and during the season that has just finished he carried out the duties of Zone Secretary of the Land Forces Leagues.

Major A.C.A. Walker, who will again carry out the secretarial duties of the Association, pointed out to the meeting that about 80 percent of the qualified referees in current membership would be leaving the Colony during the year.

This means that there will be big gaps in schedules unless others come forward to take up the places. Some qualified men

WORLD SOCCER CUP TOURNEY STARTS TODAY

Berne, Switzerland, June 16. France will play Yugoslavia at the new Olympic Stadium at Lausanne as the final stages of the World Soccer Cup open in Switzerland today.

Three other matches scheduled for today are Brazil versus Mexico at Geneva, Austria versus Scotland at Zurich and Uruguay, the Champions, versus Czechoslovakia at Berne.

Some 250,000 people are expected to watch the four matches, which raise the curtain on the Fifth World Soccer Championship for the Jules Rimet Cup.—Reuter.

WORLD FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Luxembourg, June 15. Italy won the men's epee team title and Hungary the ladies' team title in the World Fencing Championships here last night.

Sweden, followed by France and Switzerland in third and fourth places.

Italy took second place in the Ladies' Championships, with France third and Germany fourth.—Reuter.

"Seems Like A Lot Of Money To Me," Says Mr Weis

AT 30, HE HAS PRODUCED £1,000,000 WORTH OF PICTURES

By JENNIFER JOHNS

Hollywood. I was at M.G.M. the other day talking to one of the gate policemen who knew more about what goes on in the studios than even the directors themselves. I happened to mention the name of Don Weis who is one of Hollywood's youngest and most up-and-coming directors.

"Don? Sure, I know Don" said the gate policeman. "I should, I was around here when a young guy came skidding up in a luxury convertible. He asked me to open the gate. I asked him if he'd got a pass and he replied, quite friendly like, 'No, I ain't got a pass. I'm just a director round these parts!'"

The back-lot policeman's mistake was quite a simple one and one into which a lot of people (including myself) have fallen. Don Weis is just 30 and looks a whole lot younger. Last year, however, he played around with (produced) more than £1 million pounds worth of pictures.

His last picture before he started free-lancing was "Half a Hero" starring Red Skelton. That film cost over half a million dollars while two other films he directed before he signed off from M.G.M., "Remember To Be Seen" with June Allyson and Van Johnson and "I Love Melvin" with Debbie Reynolds cost even more. And now? Now this 30-year-old fireball is on his first free-lance assignment—"The Adventures of Hajji Baba."

About his youth Don merely says that "It gets difficult at times, especially at the start at a picture when everyone is trying to trip me up. Also, because of my youth, I tend to be a little over-cautious when it comes to spending money. A million dollars, for example, seems like a lot of money to me!" Is that so, Don?

NO LUGGAGE

I met Van Johnson when he landed here by plane from a trip to Europe. He had no luggage and when I asked him if he always travelled light with no luggage he replied "Sure I've got luggage"—and produced a bar of French soap.

Gloria de Haven may be divorcing Marty Kimmel, but she is not deserting Manhattan. She is to open a beauty salon in New York. ... Yvonne de Carlo usually vacations abroad but now tells me that she has got tired of travelling and is spending her current vacation in San Francisco.

I hear that Donald O'Connor is trying to make a deal with Milt Gaynor. Trying to persuade her to join him on a regular TV show. I hope he succeeds because they can certainly dance.

A warning to the mothers among you who may be persuaded to take your children to see "Peter Pan" next Christmas, Donald O'Connor is in the star role as Captain Hook and even James Barrie never thought of such a fearsome-looking character.

John Wayne is trying to get a film he made for RKO a few years back out of cold storage. The film is "Jet Pilot" and John tells me that he believes the film to be one of the best assets in any studio vault. Take notice please Mr Hughes!

June Haver has been offered the role of Ado Annie in the movie version of "Oklahoma!" Betty Hutton and her ex-husband, Ted Briskin are still seeing each other all the time and discussing the well-being of their two small daughters.

EASIER DRILLING

I took my small daughter, Caroline, along to the dentist the other day. It's most probably hereditary but Caroline hates the dentist's even more than going to bed when the sun is still shining. Which is saying something! On this occasion, however, Glaxo baby had really got his baton to work and there was no alternative but to face the terror of the dentist's chair.

Perhaps our dentist knew the bundle of fright which was heading his way or perhaps it's just general among Hollywood dentists nowadays. Whatever the reason, when Caroline was finally persuaded to sit in the Frankenstein chair, she found herself face to face with a small-sized cinema screen. The curtains were drawn and by a neat little piece of mechanism the screen was suddenly astir the ceiling.

Caroline leant back and opened her mouth—and opened her eyes wide at the same time. Across the ceiling perched Mickey Mouse cartoon with

the dentist worked with drills and probes each throwing their own little beams of light into Caroline's mouth. It was all over in ten minutes and I have spent the past few days dragging Caroline away from our bathroom mirror. She just stands there open-mouthed, convinced that ALL her teeth MUST be decayed!

EXPLOSION

Every now and then Hollywood, like spring, starts busting out all over. This has happened again these last few days when, during my rounds of the studios, I discovered that the gloomy days when nobody knew which dimension anybody else's film was in, are now over.

There was a bright spell a few months back when "Roman Holiday" proved such a staggering success and sent Audrey Hepburn running up the ladder to fame ten runs at a time.

Now there has been another and similar explosion of enthusiasm with the initial success of "Three Coins in the Fountain" starring Clifton Webb, Dorothy McGuire and Jean Peters.

If ever there was a movie just made for CinemaScope then this is it. Even the toughest of really spectacular shots of Italian cities and the countryside.

No one seemed to think particularly much of the story

but this is a film in which the story doesn't matter—and in which the actors aren't all that important either.

Save, that is, for one actor. Staunch Mother Nature really does her duty by all things natural.

One scene—a picnic party on a hilltop—is particularly breathtaking with a vast panorama of Rome spreading out into the far and delightful distance.

Then there is an aeroplane trip (at low level) over Venice. All this in colour and, by the time I left the preview, I began to realise that all the superlatives planned for the advertisement were, in this case, quite justified.

STAR-IN-WAITING

Audrey Hepburn is a star-in-waiting again. Or will be soon for she quite has bow-tied her role in the Broadway hit "Ordinary" on July 3. Apparently there are many more movie commitments which the delightfully elfin Audrey must keep.

There are three films coming up for Associated British and one for Paramount. Miss Hepburn's only worry is that she doesn't know quite which will come first and when. "All I do know," she says, "is that I will probably make my next film in London." To which I can only reply (and I'm feminine too) "Lucky London!"

Royal Ascot Opens

Ascot, June 15.

Sixty-year-old Tommy Burns, a Scot who is Ireland's senior jockey, and 19-year-old John Forte, twin brother of Dominic Forte, who won the Lincolnshire Handicap in 1952, stole much of the thunder when Royal Ascot opened today in bright sunny weather.

The conditions came as a great relief to the huge crowd who had feared a continuance of the recent rains, but the sun shone brightly as the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh, followed by other members of the Royal Family, made the traditional drive down the course prior to the start of racing.

Burns got home Irish challenger Updece, a 100-6 outsider in the Queen Anne Stakes, which opened the first day's programme. Later, young Forte registered his first win in 55 rides this season when he steered Cordyallis home to win the 24-mile Ascot Stakes.

Updece beat the 3-1 favourite, Big Berry, ridden by that young star, Lester Piggott, in the last few yards, and the filly's running, compared to a fifth place when favourite in a race at the Curragh last month, led to an enquiry by the stewards.

The owner's explanation, however, was accepted.

DENMARK WINS DAVIS CUP TIE

Copenhagen, June 15. Kurt Nielsen, Wimbledon runner-up last year, beat A. Stolpa-Adam, Hungary, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-3, to give Denmark a winning 3-1 lead in their Davis Cup European Zone quarter-final tie today.

Her Majesty will be represented on Wednesday by her three-year-old ally, Angel Bright, in the one-mile Coronation Stakes.—Reuter.

THE GOLD VASE

Ascot, June 15. Lord Rosebery's three-year-old Prescription won the Gold Vase worth £2,350 and run over two miles today.

He beat M. Marcel Bouscass's Karali by three-quarters of a length with Mrs R. N. Ryan's Friseur two lengths further away third. Fourteen ran.

Turvey and De Grassé did not run. Official betting: 6 to 1 Prescription, 9 to 4 favourite Karali, 13 to 2 Friseur.

Major C. E. Raphael's five-year-old Cordyallis won the Ascot Stakes over two and a half miles from Mr R. C. Bunsby's Chavasse.

There was a photo finish for third place between Mrs R. N. Ryan's Friseur and Mr J. M. Wolfe's Bunker II.—Reuter.

DERBY SOUVENIR ON DISPLAY

An intriguing souvenir of the English Derby which was founded in 1780, is on show in Mackintosh's window. It takes the form of a large silk handkerchief on which is printed the names of all past winners of this famous race together with their pedigree, owner and jockey.

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Epsom Absentee

HOW many people at Epsom Downs on June 27? Whatever the guess, whatever the cold statistics say, add one to arrive at the number who would have been present, but for the dire misfortune that has visited a sportsman named Daniel.

Daniel came out of goal at just about the time Rowston Manor replaced the unfortunate Ambler II as favourite for the big race.

He came out of prison with a ring in his hand, the thunder of hooves in his ears, and the form book snug in his pocket. He made a beeline for the public library to catch up on his newspaper reading, for the racing information service provided in most of our prisons leaves deplorable gaps in one's knowledge.

AN ACCIDENT

THE fact that indirectly it was Daniel's interest in racing that had landed him in Pentonville deterred him not at all in his studies.

That had been an odd-against accident. To be found guilty of taking bets in a street, and to be fined, was one thing. To be ordered in addition, as he had been, to find two people who would stake £50 each on his not being caught at it again was another.

Not being able to find the stakes, Daniel went down for three months.

Now he was free, his racing knowledge was up to the minute. Derby Day was round the corner, and Daniel was back at work.

Two policemen watched as he stood outside a post office—a pear-shaped man in a brown tweed suit to whom at intervals other men came, bearing, as it seemed, gifts of silver coins which they pressed into Daniel's ready palm.

AND ANOTHER

FROM time to time Daniel and his visitors would study a copy of this newspaper, seeming to concentrate on the back page, which Daniel now and again marked with pencil strokes, underlining this or that item which particularly interested him.

When they had seen all they wanted to, the police marched up. "We're arresting you," they said to Daniel, "for interfering with the purpose of betting." "I wasn't Daniel," said, "And next morning at the Clerkenwell court, which had such unhappy memories for him, he pleaded not guilty to the charge before Mr. T. F. Davies.

I'VE GIVEN UP

"ON him, when searched," said the police, concluding their story, "was this pencil, this marked newspaper, a racing diary, £11 in cash."

Daniel went into the box. By profession he was, he said, a layer not of odds but of floors, at present unemployed.

"Unemployed, and yet you had £11 in your pockets!" asked Mr. Davies.

"That's from racing, before I went into prison, what's left out of £18 I had then," said Daniel.

"I have given up racing now. But these chaps all come up to me giving me tips, knowing I was interested."

"What about the racing diary?"

"Someone gave me that," said Daniel. "I've given up taking bets, though. The chap that came and gave me the tip was a chap I met in Wandsworth, I mean Pentonville."

SAME AGAIN

THE charge was found proved. "Anything known?" the magistrate asked. The gaoler read out details of Daniel's recent accident.

"Well, it will be the same, again," said the magistrate, and intoned as he wrote the words down: "Fine of £30 or two months, two sureties of £50 each, with the alternative of three months."

Daniel went away. Heavy-footed and dejected, his going was. He knew the price of freedom—about £1,000 to 1 against.

16-Nation Declaration On Korea

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repol aggression, re-establish peace and security and lend its good offices for a peaceful solution in Korea.

"2. In order to set up a united, independent and democratic Korea, really free elections should be supervised by the United Nations to elect deputies to the National Assembly with representation in direct proportion to the Korean population.

"We have earnestly and patiently sought a basis of agreement of a nature which would permit us to proceed to the unification of Korea in conformity with these two fundamental principles.

"The Communist delegations have rejected all our efforts aimed at reaching an agreement. The main divergences existing between the Communists and ourselves are clear. In the first place, we accept and confirm the authority of the United Nations. The Communists deny and reject the authority and competence of the United Nations and accuse the Organisation itself of being the instrument of an aggression.

"To accept the Communist view would mean the ruin of the principle of collective security and that of the United Nations Organisation itself.

"Secondly, we desire really free elections. The Communists confine themselves to procedures which would make such elections impossible. It is clear that the Communists will not accept an impartial and effective supervision of free elections. They have openly demonstrated their intention of maintaining their control over the North of Korea. They persist in the same attitude which has rendered vain the efforts of the United Nations to unify Korea since 1947.

"We therefore deem it preferable to regard this disagreement as a fact rather than give rise to false hopes and mislead the peoples of the world by making them believe there is agreement where there is none.

"In the circumstances, we have been compelled reluctantly and regretfully to conclude that so long as the Communist delegations reject the two fundamental principles which we consider indispensable further consideration and examination of the Korea question by the conference would serve no useful purpose. We affirm our continued support for the objectives of the United Nations in Korea.

"In accordance with the resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations of August 28, 1953, the members, parties to this declaration, will inform the United Nations concerning the proceedings at this conference."—Reuter.

France To Maintain Ties

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internal reforms to put France's house in order economically.

This platform may well win him Socialist support, their 105 votes went for him last time.

Nevertheless, the almost blanket opposition of the Premier, the most powerful men in the Chamber who have paraded in and out of office for six years, gave M. Mendes-France small likelihood of success.

All depends on his investiture speech on whether it ignites the flame of enthusiasm and excitement which swept him within 13 votes of the premiership on June 5, 1953.

Among M. Mendes-France's toughest behind-the-scenes opponents of the Centre and Rightist Party leaders were the outgoing Premier, Joseph Laniel, Rene Favier, Georges Bidault, Edgar Faure, Rene Mayer, Henri Queyrelle, Antoine Pinay, Paul Reuyl and Andre Marie.—United Press.

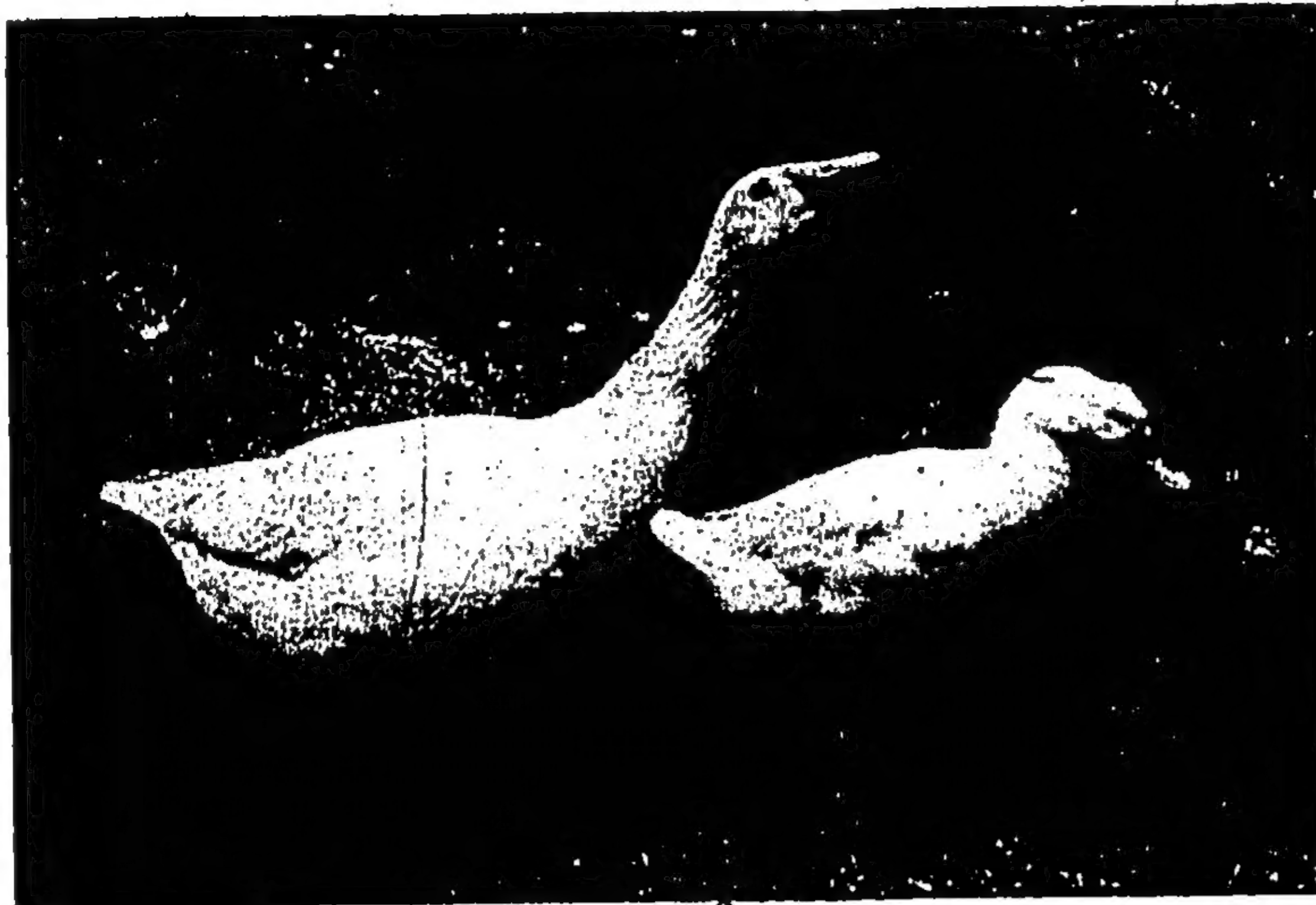
23 BURNED TO DEATH IN BUS

San Luis Potosi, Mexico, June 15.

Twenty-three persons "and maybe more" died when a crowded bus caught fire and burned about 150 miles from here, Federal highway police estimated tonight.

The 33-passenger bus had a motor that capacity load, police said. An undetermined number of passengers were standing or sitting in the aisle.—United Press.

The Latest Freak Is The Dooose



When recently we published pictures of the Twicks, the Twackings and the Sweets we imagined readers had seen the ultimate in poultry freaks. We were quite wrong, for here now comes along the Dooose, the little fellow that's pictured above. And there is only one Dooose. His father is a sander and his mother is a duck. He's just been hatched at a Hutton, Essex farm. He's duck from the neck up (except for the beak) and goose from the neck down. Top picture shows Mum and Dad.—London Express Photos.

McCarthy Quotes "Five Incidents Of Treason"

Washington, June 15.

Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy accused the Truman administration today of "five incidents of treason." He said they prolonged the Korean war and cost the nation thousands of needless casualties.

He said there is "no way on earth of knowing" whether the officials responsible are still holding government jobs.

He phrased his statements as a series of questions to Francis P. Carr, Executive Director of his Communist-hunting Senate sub-committee. Carr agreed with the Senator 100 per cent.

The first case of "treason" McCarthy cited was former President Truman's ouster of Gen. Douglas MacArthur as Allied Supreme Commander. McCarthy said MacArthur was "hamstrung and brought down" by "interference of the State Department."

McCarthy said Truman sent a special observer to Korea to serve as his "eyes and ears," but that his reports "never got through to Mr. Truman." If they had, he said, "many young men would be alive today who are dead today."

The presidential envoy, he went on, reported that MacArthur was right and "if left alone would win the war in Korea."

BLOCKADE OF FORMOSA McCarthy then took up the Truman order for a blockade of Formosa.

McCarthy quoted Eisenhower as saying the order meant, in effect, that the US Seventh Fleet was a "defensive arm of Communist China" and permitted the Reds to kill American troops in Korea "with greater impunity."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Blood Bank

Sir—Your correspondent E. Anne Black imbued me with a sense of extreme satisfaction and keen gratefulness.

Perhaps I should tell my case. My wife took suddenly ill, but I never suspected in the absence of the sight of blood she was actually having an internal haemorrhage and was at death's gateway.

My doctor lost no time to call an ambulance and while my wife was en route to the Kowloon Hospital, my doctor was in telephonic communication with them and directing everything so that the moment my wife was brought in she received immediate surgery attention.

Almost five pints of blood was shed but by clever handling more than 60 per cent was retrieved and transfused to her again and with additional call on the Blood Bank for an extra supply.

My agitation reached almost to bursting point but when I saw the high efficiency of those in the hospital, the kindness and blood at call—I realised that the treasures of Hong-kong are the Government-operated hospitals and angels without wings are our nurses, decesses, and our wonderful sisters.

Under a sense of honour I disregarded my doctors instructions not to repay my own blood as my blood pressure was 220 and I was under super-hypertension—but I without fear risked it and called at Supreme Court British Red Cross Centre and offered 500 C.C. which I believe to be over one pint.

Some people think that giving away blood is like giving away half their life. It is not true. I was not dizzy, in fact a few minutes after I was on the way back to office and since then my blood pressure has gone down a lot.

The very courteous sister asked me: "Do you feel pain?" to which I upset her with humour with my answer "Shame on you, a mosquito gives a bigger sting than your needle."

Having passed through my period of anxiety, I found it was my duty to repay every drop that was given my wife—not only that, but once—in six months I shall give, give and give that others may live. I do hope that the Chinese papers of Hongkong will copy my letter and let the stalwarts who pride themselves regarding their muscles understand that the giving of blood does not impair their health and there is no pain—however what is pain. If it means the saving of someone's life.

Not wanting to let others know of the predicament I passed, may I sign myself anonymously to others not to you, as DXT-57.

Hospital Patients On Hunger Strike

Mexico City, June 15.

Thirty patients in a workers' union hospital went on a hunger strike today. They said they wanted an increase in their daily sugar ration of five grammes (about one-sixth of an ounce).—United Press.

FRENCH PLANES ACTIVE IN INDO-CHINA

Hanoi, June 15.

French aircraft today plastered Communist bases north of the Hanoi-Haiphong lifeline in an attempt to stamp out the Red threat to cut the Red River delta's artery.

B-26 and Privateer bombers, escorted by Corsair fighters, ranged east from Hanoi's two big airfields at Bac Mai and Gialam. They attacked across the broad triangle between the 58-mile road and rail artery and the Rapids Canal twisting northeast and then southeast through high rice-field dykes.

The Vietnamese have established over 100 bases, many of them fortified with anti-tank traps and minefields.

French bombers already have launched several attacks on such bases in the immediate vicinity of the capital. Two were wiped out only seven and a half miles away.

Rebel Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap's invasion force of at least seven divisions, four of them the conquerors of Dien Bien Phu, are poised around the delta perimeter in a huge horseshoe. Military observers expected them to launch an attack sometime this month, although he may reserve his main effort for the autumn when the rice fields are dry.

The Vietnamese command sent a message today saying a neutral zone with a radius of six miles would be established around Cau Gio to permit the transfer of prisoners.

PRISONERS LEAVE

This afternoon, the first convoy of 140 Vietnamese prisoners left a camp in the environs of Hanoi for the rendezvous. A second convoy of 127 prisoners will leave tomorrow, including 20 stretcher cases.

The Vietnamese message also said it would tell the French tomorrow if they would be permitted to send mail and medicine to French prisoners captured at Dien Bien Phu.

This prisoner transfer was arranged after the Vietnamese released 859 French Union

wounded captured at Dien Bien Phu.

In Saigon, political circles expected Vietnamese Premier Prince Buu Loc to resign shortly, probably tomorrow. An interim Premier during the negotiations with France for Vietnamese independence, Buu Loc probably will be succeeded by Catholic Nationalist Ngo Dinh Diem, who spent a year in the United States and is now in France.

It was believed he would attempt to steer a middle course between the Nationalist bloc supporters of Emperor Bao Dai. His stature and standing would give to the Vietnam government a force and prestige it has not previously enjoyed, the sources said.—United Press.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Time Signal and Programme Summary: 5.00. Lucky Dip—Variety Requests presented by Margherita (Studio); 7.00. Folk Music—The Canary Islands; 7.15. Orchestra of the Week—Residency Orchestra (The Hague); 7.45. Letter from America by Alastair Cooke (Recorded London Relay); 7.50. Weather Report; 8.00. Time Signal and World News (London Relay); 8.10. The News Talk; 8.15. Music of Vincent Youmans; 8.30. Concert by the Sino-British Orchestra conducted by Arrigo Foa, with Irene Yuen (Piano) Concert; 8.45. Time Signal; 8.50. The Woman on the Beach, by Rex Nettle (BBC); 9.00. Judge Cyril Sharp, Angela Brand-Mary Winch, Mrs. Brand-Mary Winch, Paton Brown, Madame Suzette-Patricia Hillard, Peter-John Sanderson, Dr. John Riechbrogh, Ruth Manning Row, Richborough—Mary Williams, Mr. MacSwiney—Tony Quinn, Mr. T. E. Brian Hayes, Doree, Virginia, Louise—Virginia Winter; 10.00. Studio Melodica; 10.15. Peter, Peter, a Parrot; 10.30. One Night Stand, Red Nichols and his Five Pennies; 10.50. Weather Report; 11.00. Time Signal; 11.10. Good-night Music; God Save the Queen; 11.30. Close Down.

Paratroops Rushed To Tunisia

Tunis, June 15.

Two companies of French paratroopers were flown from Dakar to Tunis today to stem mounting native terrorism.

The paratroopers boarded hastily assembled civil and military aircraft in Dakar, hundreds of miles southwest, today to manhunt against resurgent outlaw fellagha bands which have killed six European settlers, and seriously wounded a seventh, in Tunisia since May 24.

The official announcement that the paratroopers were en route here followed a statement by the Tunisian Resident General, Pierre Volzard, that France "would not abandon her nationalists or her friends in Tunisia."

Speaking at the funeral of Charles Pleg, a French farmer assassinated on Sunday, M. Volzard, his voice shaken with emotion, said: "I can say it without a blind spirit of vengeance—I can say without emotion of fear: our dead will be avenged."

ARMED CLASHES

Only last night French Moroccan troops killed 13 fellaghas in armed clashes in the Debbs Ksour region and rescued a Swiss farmer, Claude Lugon, who had been kidnapped by the bandits.

Lugon, who earlier had been listed as dead, was found alive but suffering from severe head wounds, the police said.

A leader of the Nationalist Neo-Destour Party, Mongi-Slim, the Party director, denied today that his group had anything to do with the new violence now sweeping Tunisia.

"Our Party is opposed to violence, from whatever side it comes," he said.

In an interview with the Tunisian correspondent of Le Monde, Mongi-Slim said there were what he called "true and false fellaghas"—some outright bandits, the others extreme nationalists who believe Tunisian independence can only be won through force and terror.—United Press.

Chinese Paper Violates US Law

New York, June 15. A Chinese newspaper, its president and three directors, were found guilty of violating the Trading with the Enemy Act today by Federal Judge Sylvester J. Ryan after a seven-day trial. Judge Ryan set Thursday for the sentencing of the China Daily News, Inc., Eugene Foy, president, and Chin U. Gon, Tom Sung and Chin Hong-ming, who face a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison or a \$10,000 fine. They were indicted in 1952 by special Federal grand jury which accused them of printing advertisements to Chinese in the US, urging them to send American dollars to Communist China.—United Press.

Blames Dog For Being Arrested

Omaha, Nebraska, June 15. Judge Lester Palmer, on the wrong side of the Bench for the second time in six months, today blamed his arrest for drinking on his collie dog who "doesn't like uniforms."

The dog bit an Iowa conservation officer while Palmer and a lady "friend of the family" were picnicking at Lake Monala State Park near Council Bluffs, Iowa, last night.

Officers said they found several gin bottles nearby. They charged Palmer, an Omaha Municipal Court Judge who spent five days in jail last winter, with drinking in a public park, possessing liquor without a State stamp and allowing his dog to run loose in the park.

"I guess I'm just a hard luck guy," said Palmer. He returned to duty behind the Bench after he was released on \$700 bond. A hearing was postponed until next Tuesday. His companion, Mrs. Helen Hines, 43, of Omaha, was released on \$10 bond.

Palmer, 51, was arrested last December when his car was involved in a hit and run traffic accident. He appealed against his five-day County jail sentence, but later surrendered and served his time.

Palmer said he and Mrs. Hines and five other persons picnicked at the park yesterday evening. He said he was putting up a card table when a conservation officer, Ward Garrett, appeared.

The collie dog, "who doesn't like uniforms anyway" nipped Garrett, Palmer said. "That made the warden mad." He said it led to his arrest on the other charges.—United Press.

RETURN FROM MACAO

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Grantham returned to the Colony early this morning from an unofficial visit to the Governor of Macao, Rear-Admiral J. M. Espirado and Madame Espirado.

The Governor and Lady Grantham, accompanied by Mr. A. E. Shave, Aide-de-Camp, left for the Portuguese Colony yesterday afternoon in the Lady Mairine.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I'll wait till you drink it and I'll take the bottle out in case you get sore at the umpire against."

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